The College Park Airport is my local airport. I would like it to be opened to transient GA traffic so that 1) I and my family can use it and 2) So that this historic landmark to American invention, technology and freedom can survive.

The Airport presents less of a danger to the nearby government and its officials and infrastructure than a car or small truck driven on public streets in downtown Washington. The payload of the typical aircraft at College Park is a tenth of a pickup truck's, much less than a car's and these planes can be identified, located and controlled in a way that other vehicles cannot.

This is the oldest operating airport in the U.S. and one of the very few downtown small airports -- its has a tradition and a current purpose well worth continuing. It is a beautiful "green" airport with a superlative museum. Its shutdown reflects only its lack of commercial importance (and lack of attendant political power,) and the wave of fear after Sept. 11. There is no rational basis to consider it a special danger relative to other dangers, but there is a great and certain danger in destroying the freedom to use it.